

I work at sea. Last month we came into dry dock to carry out refit and repairs. Dry dock is when a ship is brought into a lock, the gates closed and all the water pumped out, leaving the ship high and dry 'on the blocks', thus allowing repairs/inspections etc.. of the underside of the hull.

Next to us was an old Military frigate being broken down for scrap. She had arrived about two weeks prior to us. Once the Frigate was on the blocks and dry, all of the crew left the old girl to her fate. A sad sight but that's how these things go. Once all the sensitive stuff had been removed, the dock workers were free to go on. The dock foreman, 'John' went on board first with a camera to take pictures of work areas. He took a couple of hundred all in all. This was one of them.

He later sent all of the pics to his boss, who upon seeing this one, called John straight away asking "Who is the guy with the axe at the edge of the camera flash?" John had no idea. He never saw anyone. The area where this picture was taken was in a cross alley way, deep inside the ship. He was going around with a torch and a camera. When he'd go to take a picture, he would turn off the torch (leaving him in total darkness) snap the shot, turn the torch back on and be on his way. Due to the fact that it was a military vessel the police were called. A search was carried out but no one was found. There was one way on and off the ship, and that was by a gangway covered by CCTV. (You couldn't jump over the side as it was a 25 meter drop on to concrete). No one was seen to leave the ship after John had taken this.

I am a sceptic. Maybe its a trick of the flash reflecting off something, but if you really zoom in you can just make out the fuckers face, ear, collar of his jacket and the fucking axe in a meaty fucking fist. Now it could be John blowing smoke up my ass, but when he was telling the story he seemed genuinely rattled. And the guy in the pic looks nothing any of the other workers we met at the dock. If someone who is handy with cleaning up pictures, I'd be really interested to see what you can pull out of it. And before anyone asks, I'm not going to name the ship or even where she is, as I'm not sure if I'm supposed to have

a picture of the innards of a military vessel. This gave me serious goosebumps. Needless to say, I did not go on board for a look.

